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FUNCTIONING OF ANTI DUMPING DIRECTORATE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the functioning of Directorate of Anti - Dumping with a view to make it more effective and efficient in handling anti-dumping cases for Indian companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof in terms of standard norms with emerging trend;

(c) the areas identified for strengthening / restructuring / upgrading Anti-Dumping Directorate; and

(d) the action plan formulated to provide specialised services of professionals to the Directorate for dealing with anti-dumping cases efficiently in public interest?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) The functioning of Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) is reviewed on a continuing basis in order to make it more effective and efficient in handling anti-dumping cases. As per the Anti-Dumping Rules, preliminary findings cannot be issued before the expiry of sixty days after the initiation of anti-dumping investigation. While in the earlier years the DGAD was taking six to eight months to come out with preliminary findings, the time period has now been effectively brought down to two-and-a-half months to three months. In this regard, India compares favourably with other major users of anti-dumping action in the world such as United States (4-4 1/2 months), European Union (9 months), Australia/New Zealand (5-6 months).India is one of the leading users of Anti-Dumping action. According to the WTO Report for the period July-December, 2001 India stands first in terms of cases initiated followed by United States and Argentina.

Besides expediting and streamlining the procedure of investigation, the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties has taken steps for dissemination of information by way of publications, organising and participating in seminars and posting of findings on the website. The port officers of Directorate General of Foreign Trade at 31 stations spread over the country are also being utilised as facilitation points for dissemination of information on Anti-Dumping laws, procedures, specially concerning filing of petitions to facilitate the domestic industry.

With a view to bring professionalism in the services rendered by DGAD officers, the Directorate interacts on a regular basis with the consultants and legal experts dealing in Anti-Dumping matters by way of meetings, conferences, seminars etc. The DGAD has also formulated a scheme for implementation during the 10th Five-Year Plan period under which professional training will be provided to the officers working in the Directorate to further develop their expertise.